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SUBJ: DEPARTMENT LETTER CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF FOREIGN
FISHING LICENSES

REF: STATE 265797

1. I TODAY DELIVERED THE TEXT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER
QUOTED IN REFTEL TO THE UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
JOSE AYALA. HE SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE LETTER BUT WITH
CHARACTERISTIC CAUTION SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD
BE STUDYING IT CAREFULLY. I INQUIRED WHETHER THE GOE WOULD
PUBLICIZE THE LETTER AND AYALA SAID THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER
THAT POSSIBILITY AND LET ME KNOW.

2. I THEN RAISED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF BILATERAL CON-
SULTATIONS ON A REGIONAL TUNA ARRANGEMENT. AS THE DEPARTMENT
WILL RECALL THE ECUADOREANS HAD BEEN PRESSING US FOR BILATERAL
TALKS, BUT FOR SOME TIME NOW THEY HAVE FAILED TO RAISE THE
MATTER. AYALA SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT SUCH
TALKS WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT SESSION
OF THE LOS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY WAS IN THE
PROCESS OF CAREFULLY ASSESSING THE RESULTS OF THE LAST LOS
SESSION AND HE DOUBTED THAT THEY WOULD BE READY FOR BILATERAL
CONVERSATIONS WITH US UNTIL AROUND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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3. COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR STRATEGY TO AVOID FISHING SEIZURES THIS SEASON AND I AM GRATEFUL TO THOSE INVOLVED FOR ITS ISSUANCE. I ALSO BELIEVE FROM MY CONVERSATIONS WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA THAT THE NEWS REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE LST TRANSFER WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL FISHING SEASON. WE ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE QUESTION OF THE RADIO FREQUENCIES AND WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT BY SEPTTEL ON THIS SUBJECT.
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